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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YASUSHI MIZUTA, ET AL.) Examiner: H. Vo
Application No.: 10/653,927) Group Art Unit: 1771
Filed: September 4, 2003)
For: INJECTION-MOLDED PRODUCT,) August 15, 2005
 MOLD FOR INJECTION MOLDING, :
 AND INJECTION MOLDING)
 METHOD :

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 15, 2005.

In the action, it was alleged that the claims of Groups I, II and III are distinct because they are related as process of making and product made (Groups I and III), as process and apparatus for its practice (Groups II and III) and an apparatus and product made (Groups I and II) and because they have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification. These allegations are respectfully traversed. It is submitted that the amount of effort required by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office would be lessened by permitting all of the claims presently in the application to be prosecuted in a single application. The alternative is

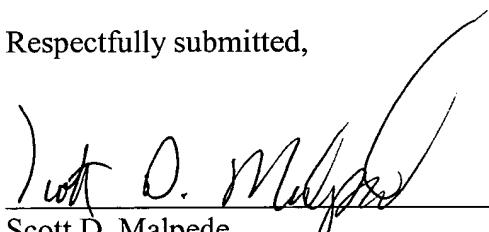
to proceed with the filing of multiple applications, consisting of the same disclosure, and being subjected to substantially the same search, perhaps by different Examiners on different occasions, with the resultant burden on the Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the requirement for restriction and allow the claims presently in the application to be prosecuted in a single application.

Nevertheless, in order to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.143, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group III, namely Claims 7-9.

Due consideration and prompt passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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